## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28**

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Ben Graham on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in ministry and his tenth anniversary as senior pastor of Music City Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Ben Graham, who has distinguished himself as a citizen of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity and as a pastor of supreme tact and learning; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Graham began his ministry in February 1998 and will soon mark his twenty-fifth year of caring for souls and the tenth year of his time at Music City Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet; and

WHEREAS, he is the president of and an actor in Graham Family Films, producing work that provides families with quality content suitable for all ages; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Graham attended high school at Victory Baptist Academy and holds a doctorate in clinical counseling from Heritage College; and

WHEREAS, he volunteered to serve in former President Donald Trump's Faith Team initiative and acted as a liaison between all faith directors from each department, as well as leading several pastors' groups to a special event at the White House; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Graham is supported in all these endeavors by his beloved wife, Candice Graham, and children, Jordan (Brea), Zach, Carson, and Cooper Graham; and

WHEREAS, a loving father, shepherd, artist, and friend, Dr. Ben Graham epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized for his many accomplishments and devoted work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Ben Graham upon the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary in ministry, commend him on his ten-year anniversary as senior pastor of Music City Baptist Church, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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